

NEWS RELEASE

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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (December 13, 2012) – The Suffolk Fire Marshal's Office has determined that the Mallard Drive fire originated in the kitchen and feel it was accidental in nature however they are still working to establish the exact cause.

UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (December 2, 2012) – The victim of yesterday morning's fire, Mary Rodgers, age 69, of Suffolk, died this morning at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (December 1, 2012) – The victims of this morning's fire have been identified as Janet Boyle, age 64, the homeowner, and Mary Rodgers, age 69, who was transported via Nightingale to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital. The condition of both women is unknown at this time.

ELDERLY WOMAN RESCUED FROM HOUSE FIRE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (December 13, 2012) – Suffolk Fire & Rescue responded to a house fire in the 100 block of Mallard Drive located in the Burnett's Mill subdivision. The call came in at approximately 9:00 a.m.

Upon arrival at 9:06 a.m. units were advised that an elderly female was still inside the residence. Her sister had crawled from the residence and was being assisted by neighbors at the scene. The woman was located by firefighters approximately 20 feet within the single-story home, which was fully engulfed at the time. She was transported by ambulance to Sentara Obici Hospital, and was then airlifted to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital to be treated for smoke inhalation and burns to her body.

Her sister was also transported to Sentara Obici Hospital to be treated for smoke inhalation. One firefighter was transported to Sentara Obici Hospital with minor burns to both of his ears.

Two dogs escaped the blaze and were being cared for by neighbors. One cat was located deceased inside the residence.

Units responding included Ladder 6, Engine 6, Medic 6A, Engine 4, Rescue 1, Battalion 1 and Engine 1. Engine 2 and Medic 2A also assisted at the landing zone at Sentara Obici Hospital.

The fire was under control at 9:27 a.m., with more than half of the home destroyed by fire.

The Suffolk Fire Marshal's Office is investigating the cause of the fire.

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